



National Bank Recognized as 5-star Superior Rating

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Hillsboro IL: National Bank recently received a 5-Star Superior rating by the independent bank research firm BauerFinancial, Inc. of Coral Gables, Florida. This prestigious ranking, based on the overall financial picture of the institution, indicates that National Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

National Bank, with headquarters in Hillsboro, Illinois, serves south central Illinois with 11 banking locations. Additional information can be found at www.national-bank.com or by calling 1-800-717-3991.

BauerFinancial, Inc. has been analyzing and reporting on the financial condition of the nation's banking industry since 1983. Through the years BauerFinancial has earned the reputation of "the nation's bank rating service". Their star rating is based on an analysis of all U.S. chartered banks and all federally insured credit unions with assets of at least \$1.5 million. Upon completion of their independent analysis of each institution's data and financial history, a star-rating is assigned based on a scale of zero to five stars with five stars being the strongest. For additional information about Bauer Financial and its rating system visit www.bauerfinancial.com.

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